AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 8:

The plate spring 9 extends in the axial direction over substantially an entire length of the groove 3 within the groove 3 of the male shaft 1, and is provided between the spherical member 7~~, the cylindrical member~~ and the groove-forming surface. The plate spring 9, when in a non-transmission state of the torque, gives the pre-load to the spherical member 7 and to the cylindrical member 8 against the female shaft 2 to such a degree as not to cause backlash, and, when transmitting the torque, works to restrict the spherical member 7 in the peripheral direction between the male shaft 1 and the female shaft 2 in a way that makes its elastic deformation.

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 12:

Moreover, as shown in FIGS. 3 and 4, each of the plate springs 9 is formed in its sectional configuration taking a rectilinear shape that is substantially parallel with the configuration of the axis-directional groove 3

of the male shaft 1. The plate spring 9 is constructed of a flat bottom portion 9a at the center, first inclined side face portions 9b, 9b extending divergently toward its outside diameter from both ends in the cross-sectional direction of the shaft with respect to the flat bottom portion 9a, and second inclined face portions 9c, 9c folded outward on the outermost diametrical sides of the first inclined face portions 9b, 9b and extending substantially in parallel with the first inclined face portions 9b, 9b. A peripheral edge portion of the ring-shaped connecting portion 20 is connected to the flat bottom portion 9a of the central portion of each plate spring 9. The flat bottom portion 9a of each plate spring 9 is press-fitted to the flat bottom portion 3a of the groove 3, the second side face portions 9c, 9c are press-fitted to the flat side face portions 3b, 3b of the groove 3, and the first side plate portions ~~9a, 9a~~9b, 9b press the balls 7 and the needle rollers 8 against the side faces of the grooves ~~5~~5, 6 of the female shaft 2.